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President's Message

Hello everyone:

Happy New Year and Happy 45th to CAWMC!

As I am writing this message, I can't but realise and, to an extent, accept that time flies. And the older one gets; it flies faster and faster. Now I understand what my dad and my mother-in-law were saying.

Ok, enough with the nostalgia. We have a lot to look forward to, including meetings of the Southern Ontario chapter of CAWMC at the Ontario Numismatic Association Convention, in Burlington, ON, May 22-24, 2020 and our AGM at the RCNA Convention in Halifax NS on July 25, 2020. I am looking forward to meeting you at either convention, or at both!

I also want to encourage our members to think about this milestone and to create their own mementos of the club's 45th anniversary. We do not have an official 45th logo so your creation will be limited only by your imagination. It will not matter if these mementos will be shared only in an article or as actual woods distributed to the membership; either way, we'll be happy to talk about it in this Newsletter.

I hope you will enjoy reading this issue of *Timber Talk*. In it you'll read about Judy Blackman's surprise. Judy says that "*Jim always does a great job documenting historic moments and milestones.*" I also dare you to find answers to questions in "*Chips from the Woodpile*"!

Please drop me a line if you also have ideas about columns, articles, etc. I love hearing from you all.

We wish you and yours a very Happy 2020.
France

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Happy New Year!

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Season's Greetings

Featured Wood of the Month of January 2020

Our January wood will be an old Christmas wood that the late Art Stephenson (2009) had made in 2001 to distribute to his newspaper customers for Christmas 2001 and wish them well in 2002.

I received these extra woods from Al Munro who acquired, from Art's collection, many extra of his woods.

As many know, Art delivered newspapers (Toronto Star and Globe and Mail), for several years, in the Arthur and Guelph areas. He had hundreds of each made to deliver to his customers around Christmas time.

Art was a very active member and volunteer in the numismatic community. He belonged to many clubs and associations and, of course, was an avid collector of wooden tokens. It was collecting wooden money that he enjoyed the most.

His woods are listed under Arthur, Ontario with this 45mm wood listed as 5076 - 005.

Most of our membership will not have this wood. Thanks to Al for providing this wood.

Ross



The lucky winner of the Million Dollar wooden note is David "Rusty" Philips of Port Alberni BC. The draw was held at the Timmins Coin Club's Christmas Luncheon on December 8. The club's president, Kevin Montgomery, shown here with your president/editor, drew the winning ticket. Thank you to all participants.



Jim Sends A Surprise In The Mail

by Judy Blackman CAWMC LM, FONA, KStE

If you've ever ordered woods from **Jim Smith's** business **woodencoin.com**, then you know customer surprises are common. Often when you receive your order, it includes a surprise, and sometimes you just receive surprises in the mail, especially during the Christmas season. When my mail arrived on Friday, November 22nd, 2019, there was an envelope from Jim. Inside were four 45 mm diameter wooden coins. Here I'm sharing two of those with you:

The first has an obverse reading: *Man Walks on Moon NASA Apollo II July 20 1969 2019 50 Years One Small Step for Man — One Giant Leap for Mankind*. The reverse reads: *Apollo Eleven Launched on July 16th Kennedy Space Center Landed July 21st Sea of Tranquility July 24th Splash into Pacific Ocean Neil Armstrong—Commander Michael Collins—CM Orbit Pilot Buzz Aldrin-LM Pilot Command Module-Columbia Lunar Module-Eagle 1969*.



The second wooden coin plays to Jim's always present sense of humour. The obverse reads: *woodencoin.com Pine Beetles told Santa You've been NICE 2019 Beetle Kill Pine—British Columbia—Canada*. The reverse reads: *woodencoin.com Pine Beetles told Santa You've been NAUGHTY 2019 Custom Wooden Coins—Magnets—Lapel Pins*. The history of Santa Claus dates back centuries and is taken from different tales and traditions around the world. Santa's naughty or nice list is said to have originated from Norse folk tales that describe a magician who delivered gifts to good children. The legend of Santa Claus began in the fourth century with Saint Nicholas. He was a protector of children and was known as a kind and generous gift giver. In the 1500s, teachers would dress as Saint Nicholas and beat children who were doing poorly at school and reward good students with candy or money. In Victorian-era Britain, a bearded man known as Father Christmas brought gifts to well-behaved children and used a birch rod to punish naughty ones. In Holland, Saint Nicholas was known as Sinterklass, and in the 17th century, Dutch colonies in North America began calling him Santa Claus. The popular image of Santa Claus originated in the 1930s when Coca-Cola dressed him in the company's trademark red and white colors for an advertising campaign.

Kill Beetles attack pine (and fir) trees. As Jim notes, "At less than one centimeter, a kill beetle lives most of its life under bark. In the past they attacked old, weak pines. Hot, dry summers and warm winters have resulted in epidemic levels that destroy millions of trees." Jim uses kill beetle pine to make the plank-cut wooden coins thereby finding a recycling use for the timber. He applies a child-safe lacquer to each side which seals the image.

Jim has made numerous woods for me over the years, and in fact he's made over 150,000 woods in general for his customers combined. Jim is very kind to send these surprises to his customers, and when I get an envelope, it always put a smile on my face!

Chips from the Woodpile

By Dave Gillespie

As January starts another year, we would like to wish all of you a Happy, Health & Prosperous 2020 !!!

Just to remind you that Chips is an article meant to bring back memories for our older and established members, to highlight some of the stories from past issues of Timber Talk and to educate the newer members on what has taken place over the past 45 years of C.A.W.M.C.. All articles are being taken from the newsletters and objectively written.

Looking Back to 1974 and the history of C.A.W.M.C..... that summer the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors was the brainchild of Garry Braunarth and Victor Hall. They reached out to wooden money collectors in Canada and the United States along with C.N.A. members to launch the organization. They canvassed for members and a suitable name for it's newsletter, "Timber Talk". They also advertised for articles relating to Canadian woods for publication and with the assistance of Tom Hudson, a U.S. member provided a monthly quiz to peek the interest of readers.

In January of 1975 it was official, C.A.W.M.C. was alive with Charter members, a newsletter, a soon to become Board of Directors & Officers and within a few months the creation of a Constitution and By-Laws. There was a lot of excitement among the members and John Curtis was asked to consider a design for the Club's official woods. Don Smith from South Porcupine, Ontario submitted several designs for consideration including the one used today and it appears from the July 1976 newsletter that it was approved and adopted as the Club's logo. The initial annual fee to become a member of C.A.W.M.C. was set at \$ 3.00. What a bargain !!!!! Taking into consideration inflation, that buying power in today's market would be \$ 15.61.

In the early days of C.A.W.M.C. the names and addresses of new members were regularly published in the newsletter as a welcoming gesture. This might be a policy for our Membership Chairman and the Bulletin Editor to consider and re-instate.

I hope to provide you with more on the history of C.A.W.M.C. in future issues but for now I leave you with some of the quiz questions by Tom Hudson from the earliest issues of Timber Talk :

1. Which city used boat lumber to make wooden nickels?
2. What town issued over 300,000 woods in 1958?
3. What wooden piece has "stolen from" on it?
4. In what town is "Mom's Bakery" located?
5. Where is "Boyd Drive-In" theatre?

'Til next time Let the Chips lie where they fall.



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Alan's Trio by France D. Waychison



One day in last October, I finally had a chance to review and classify the woods I collected at the 2019 RCNA convention.

My friend Alan Roy gave my husband William and me each one wood, his first I believe. Alan explained that he had Sean Sinclair, of London Ontario, create woods for him and that Sean rose to the occasion, experimented and created 3 different woods, which Alan kindly distributed in Calgary.

Each of the woods have the same obverse, with the digit 2 in the center surrounded by his name, Alan Roy, and the words "Collector of Canadian Numismatic Drink Tokens" (I did not know that!). The common reverse shows a delicious cup of hot coffee with the words "Free Coffee" and "2019 RCNA Convention" above and under the cup.

I remember asking Alan why he chose the number 2 for his wood. Alan replied that the wood represented his second numismatic endeavour, the first one, a *2018 Checklist of Charlton Numismatic Literature*, was launched at the 2018 RCNA Convention.

Alan told me recently: *"I am hoping to issue an item in as many categories as possible. I have a catalogue and a drink token. Maybe some sort of Canadian Tire piece next. Then an encased coin maybe?"*

The shape of the woods is what distinguish each of them. Two of the woods are "scalloped" in different range and a third wood bears 7 sides.

I received a third wood at the CAWMC breakfast AGM. To my surprise, it completed the trio. As only 15 woods of each kind were produced, I considered myself extremely lucky to end up with it. You can be sure, Alan, that I'll take good care of it.

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